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Continuation of Item No. 11. NOTE: The Applicant's Declaration and arguments filed 6/3/09 have been considered but are not persuasive with respect to the obviousness rejection over Kondo. Though the Examiner has withdrawn the anticipation rejection over Inoue et al, the Examiner maintains her position that one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to utilize any composite tungsten oxide as the shielding particles as taught by Kondo, wherein Inoue et al would still provide a suggestion to determine the composition of the composite oxide to provide the desired optical and shielding properties for a particular end use. It is further evidenced that composite tungsten oxides or tungsten bronzes which have the known formula $M_{1-x}WO_3$ with x being greater than 0 but less than 1, are well established in the art as providing improved radiation shielding properties as evidenced by Baltzer (USPN 2,952,575), Gillery (USPN 3,457,106), Mochel (USPN 3,505,108) or Yadav (US 2005/0271566.) Hence, the Examiner maintains her position that one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to utilize any tungsten composite oxide, particularly those known in the art as providing improved radiation shielding properties such as those reading upon the instantly claimed formula, in the invention taught by Kondo, given the reasonable expectation of success.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00AM-5:00PM.

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